

# Energy Saving Trust Domestic Small-Scale Wind Field Trial

*International Small Wind  
Conference*  
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# Agenda

The Energy Saving Trust

Domestic small-scale wind field trial

Informing policy and certification

Future Plans – working with industry

# The Energy Saving Trust

Our Mission - **To lead 60 million citizens to act on climate change**

Established in 1992, Scottish office from 1998

A private not-for-profit membership company, with members from the public and private sectors

Largely Government funded

Offices in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland

UK-wide and country specific activities



Households

Partners



energy saving trust®

Supply Chain

Local Authorities

Communities



# Low Carbon Technologies

Advice – consumer, community, public sector, small business

## Housing programme

- Refurbishment guides
- Advice to builders and developers

## Financial incentive programmes

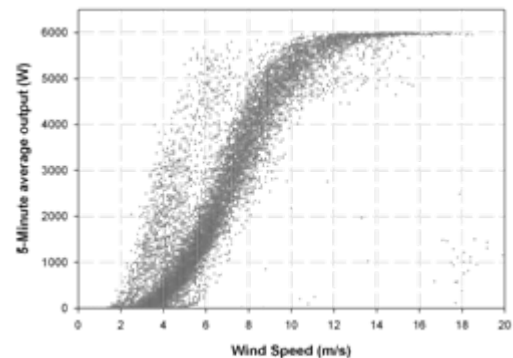
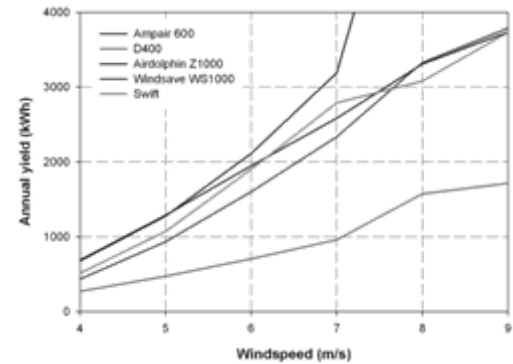
## Technology monitoring

- Micro-wind
- Heat pumps
- Solar water heating
- Condensing boilers
- LED lighting
- Heating controls
- Insulation



# Domestic small-scale wind field trial - Objectives

- Are manufacturer's power curves realistic?
- What is actual site performance?
  - Influence of turbulence
  - Turbine position
- Annual load factors
- Accuracy of wind speed prediction tools
- Economics
- *To inform general public, consultants, planners, and the wind industry*



# Partners

EDF Energy

RWE npower

NIE Energy

Centrica plc

ScottishPower Ltd

Scottish and Southern  
Energy plc

E.ON Engineering Ltd

The Scottish  
Government

The Department for  
Energy and Climate  
Change

B&Q plc

The University of  
Southampton

# UK Sample

154 sites UK wide

Green circles:  
57 full trial sites

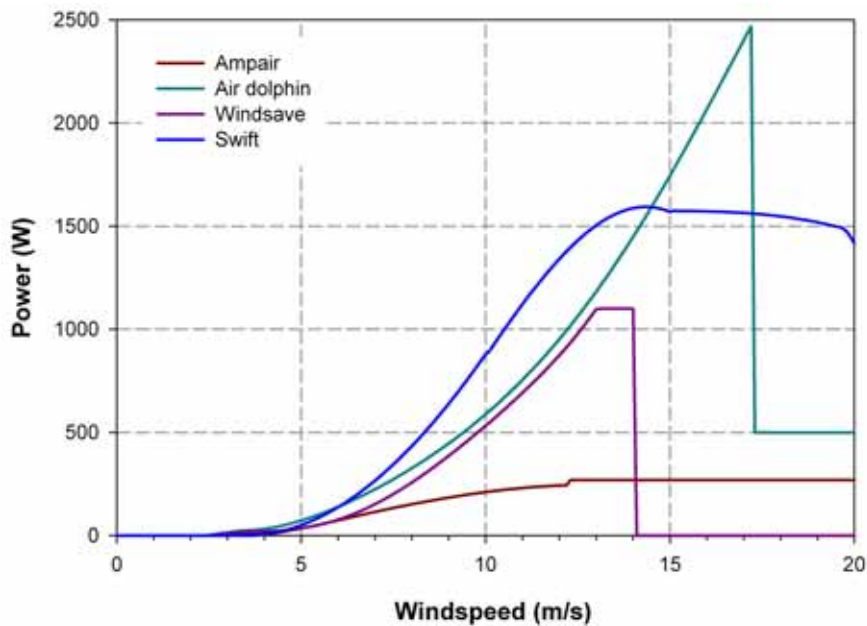
Orange circles:  
97 meter reading-only sites



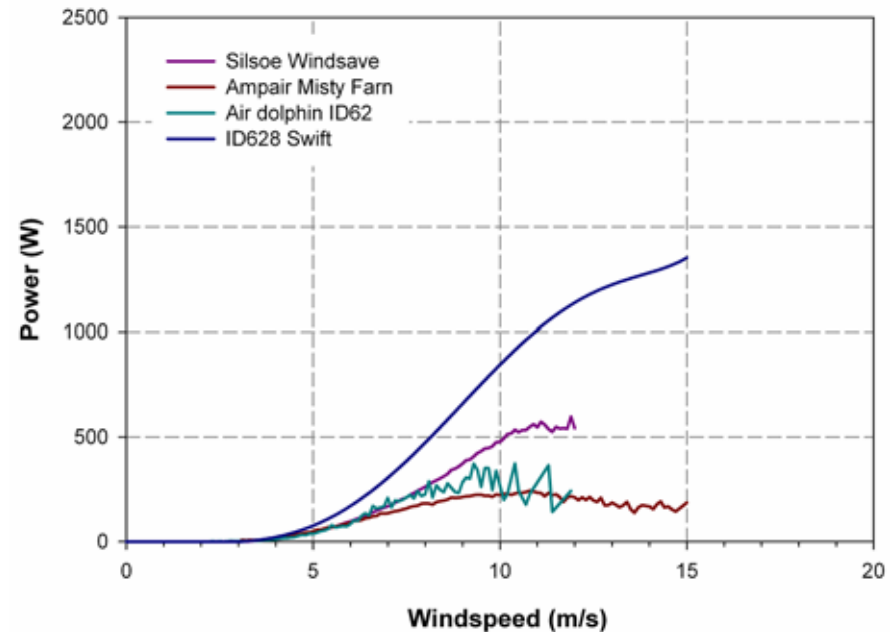


<b>Turbine</b>	<b>EST Full Trial</b>	<b>WWT + Meter Reading (29+68)</b>	<b>Diameter (m)</b>	<b>Rated Power (W)</b>	<b>Rated wind speed (m/s)</b>	<b>Cut in wind speed (m/s)</b>
<b><i>Building mounted turbines</i></b>						
<b>Air dolphin</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4+0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Ampair 600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14+0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Eclectic, D400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4+0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Swift</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1+0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Windsave, WS1000</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6+0</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b><i>Free standing, pole mounted turbines</i></b>						
<b>Eoltec</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0+0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Iskra AT5-1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0+1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Proven 2.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0+0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Proven 6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0+17</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.5</b>

# Power Curves – Building Mounted Turbines

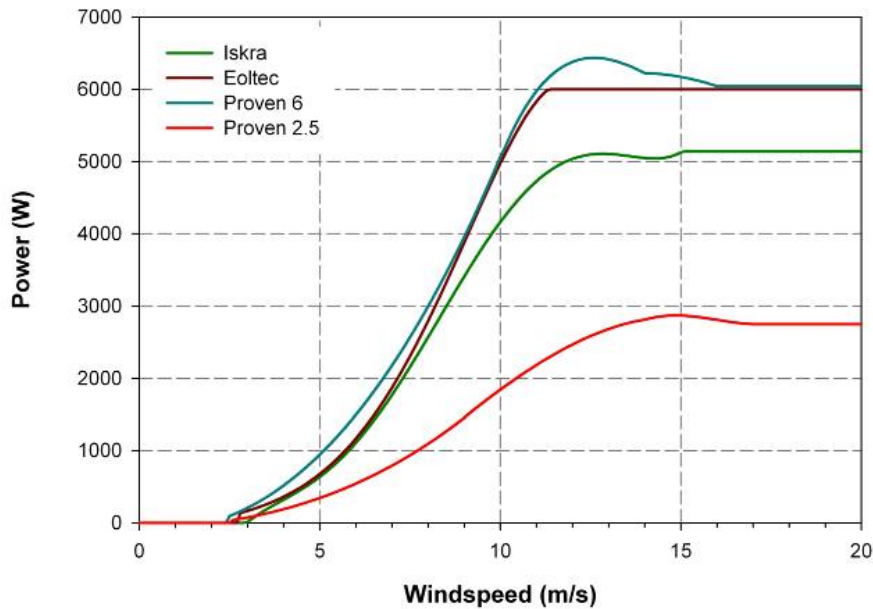


Manufacturers' predicted

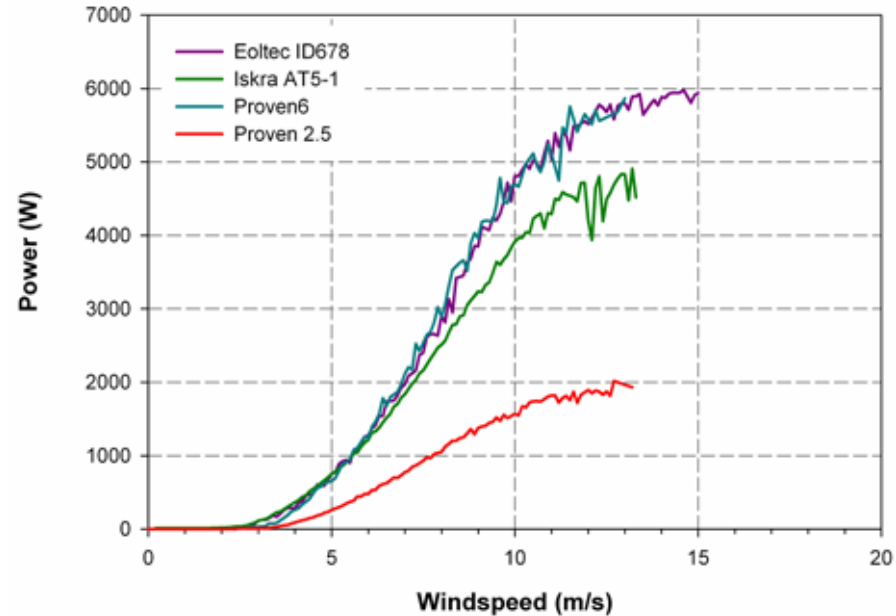


EST measured

# Power Curves – Free Standing Turbines



Manufacturers' predicted



EST measured

# Predicting Performance

Different ways of measuring performance

## 1) Capacity factor / Load factor

Commonly-quoted figures for small wind:

- 10% (building mounted)
- 17% (free standing)

DTI reported av. for large scale onshore wind of 28.2% in 2005

## 2) kWh/m<sup>2</sup> swept area

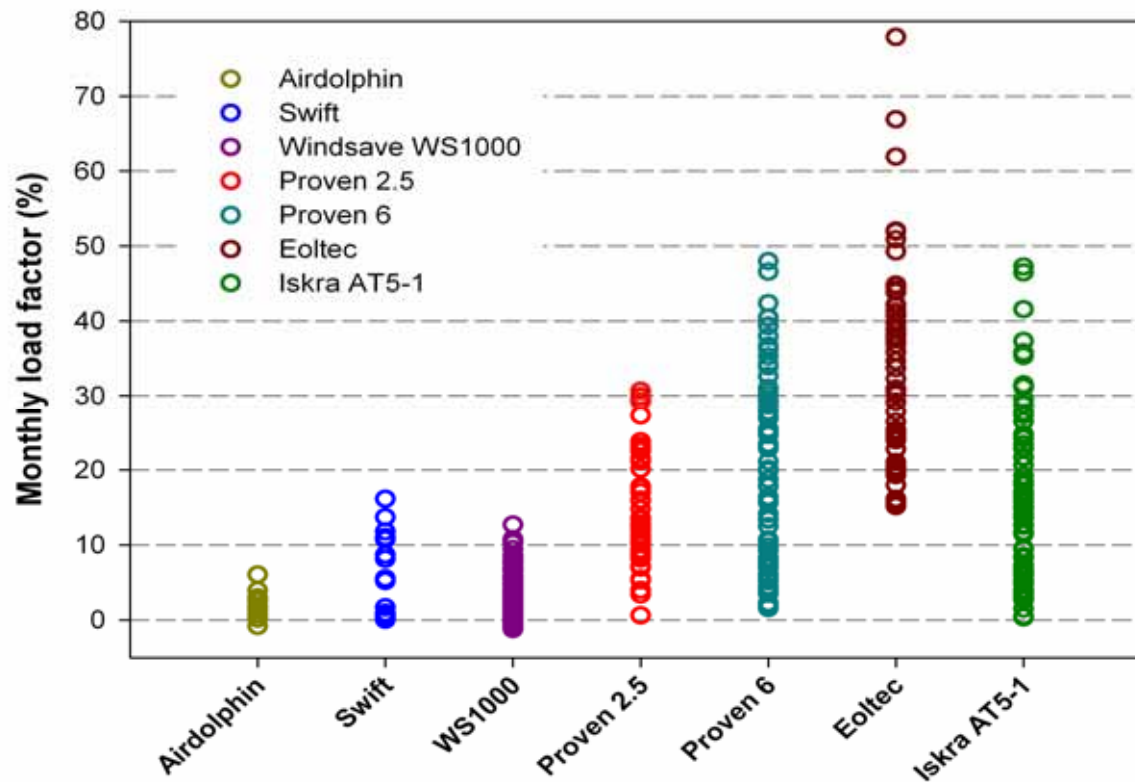
## 3) Annual energy yield (kWh)

- Capacity Factor (% / 100) x rated power (kW) x no. hours in year

# Capacity Factors

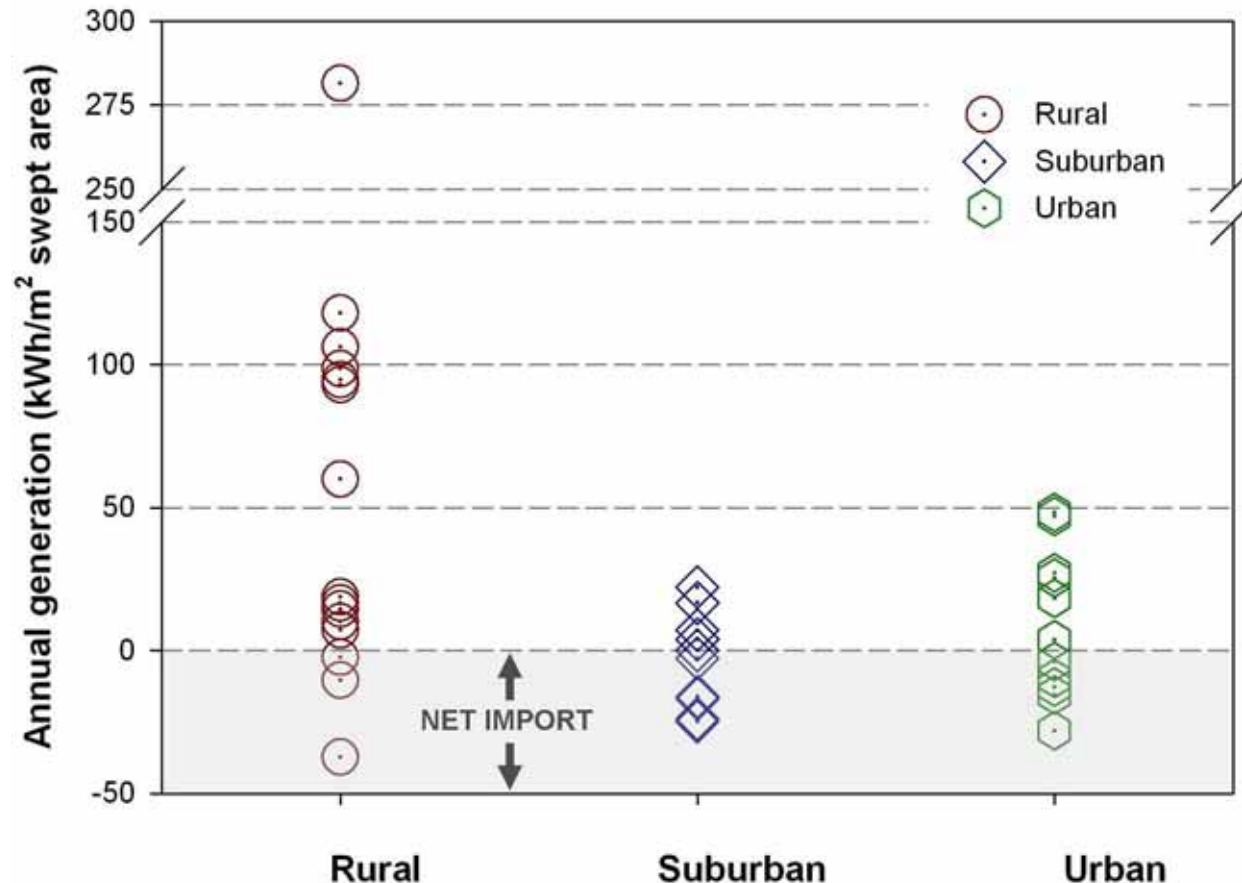
Measured average figures

3% (building mounted) - 19% (free standing)



# Annual Generation – Building Mounted

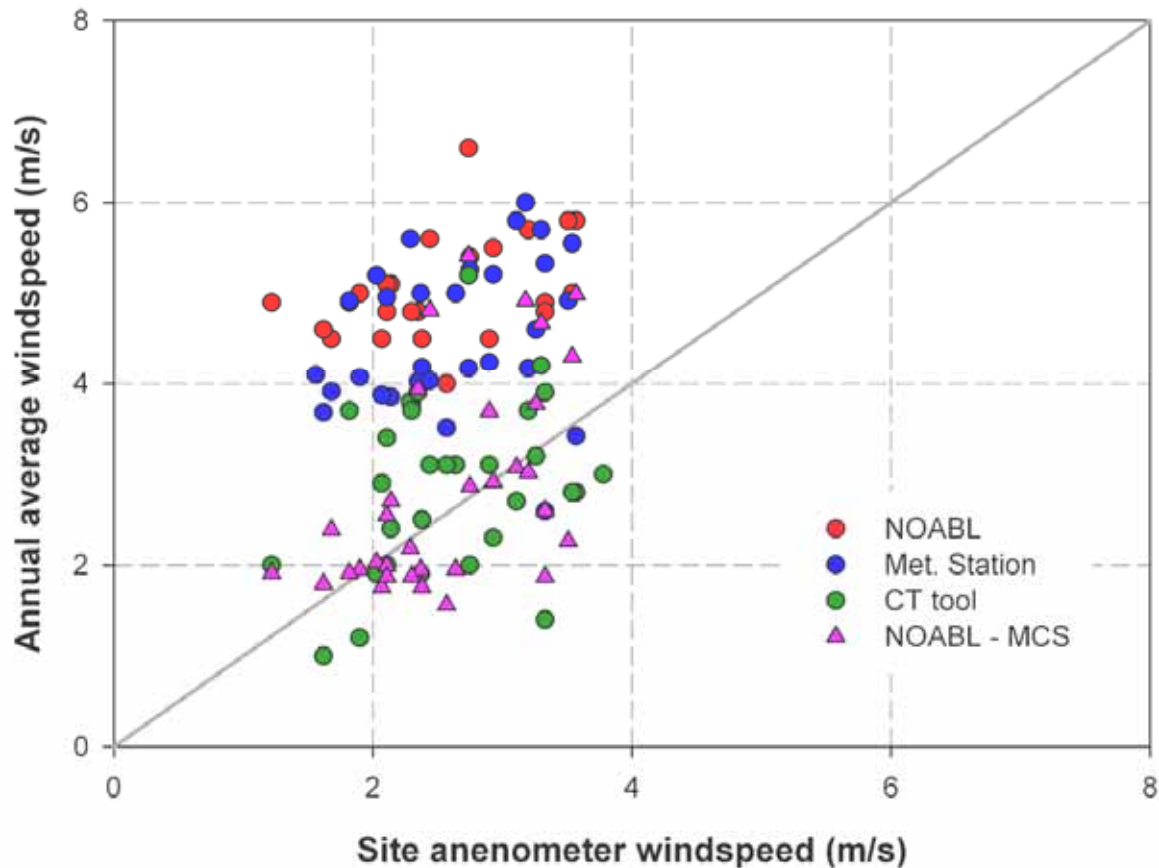
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# Predicting Wind Speed

## Building mounted turbines

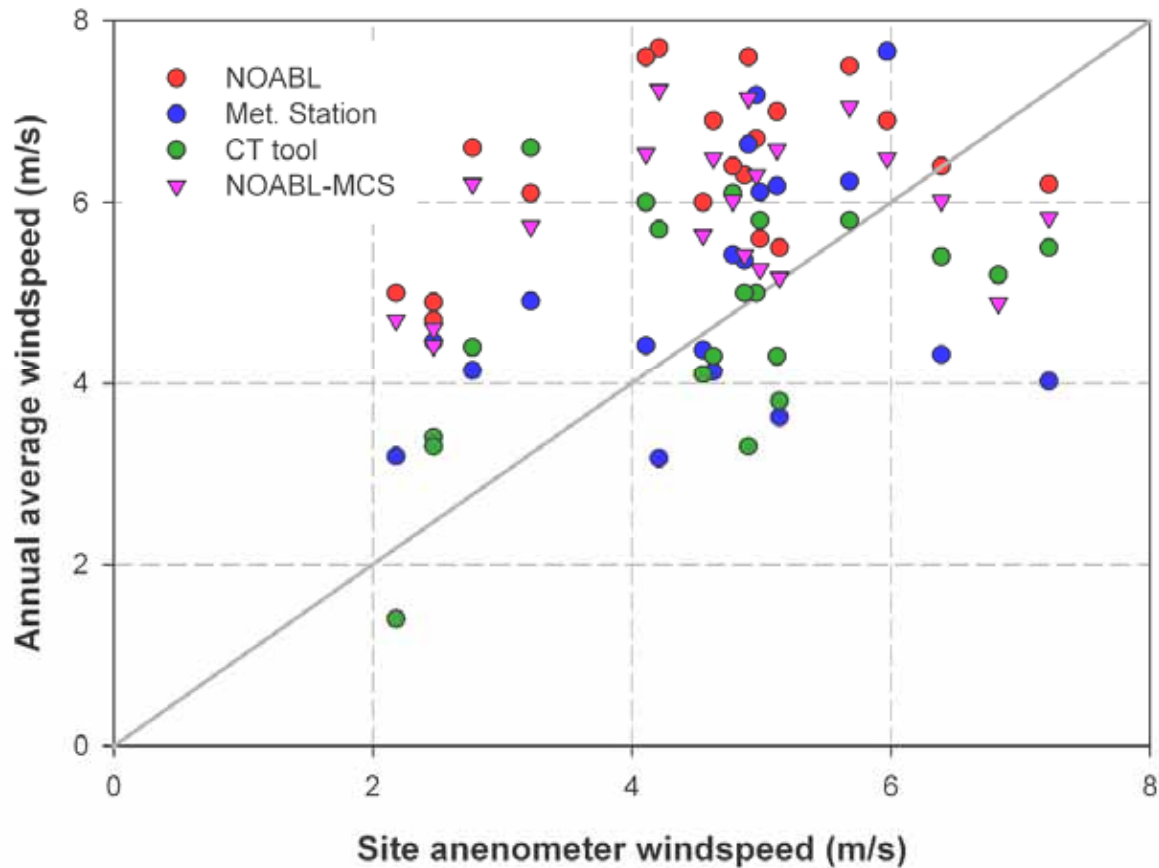
NOABL-CT-MET-bdg-mounted



# Predicting Wind Speed

## Free standing turbines

NOABL-CT-MET-pole-mounted



**Betz Constant**

**Power Curves**

**Swept Area**

**Cut-in Speed**

**Weibull Diagrams**

**Inverter**

**Horizontal/Vertical Axis**

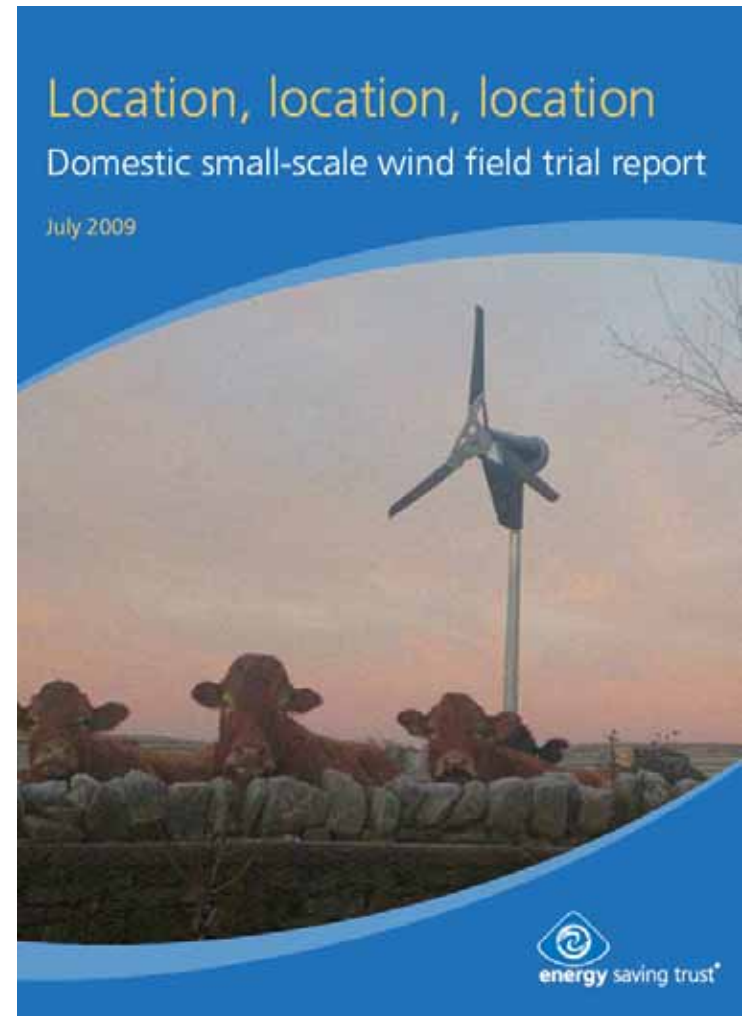
**Canopy Height**

**NOABL**

**Wind Rose**

# Field Trial Public Report

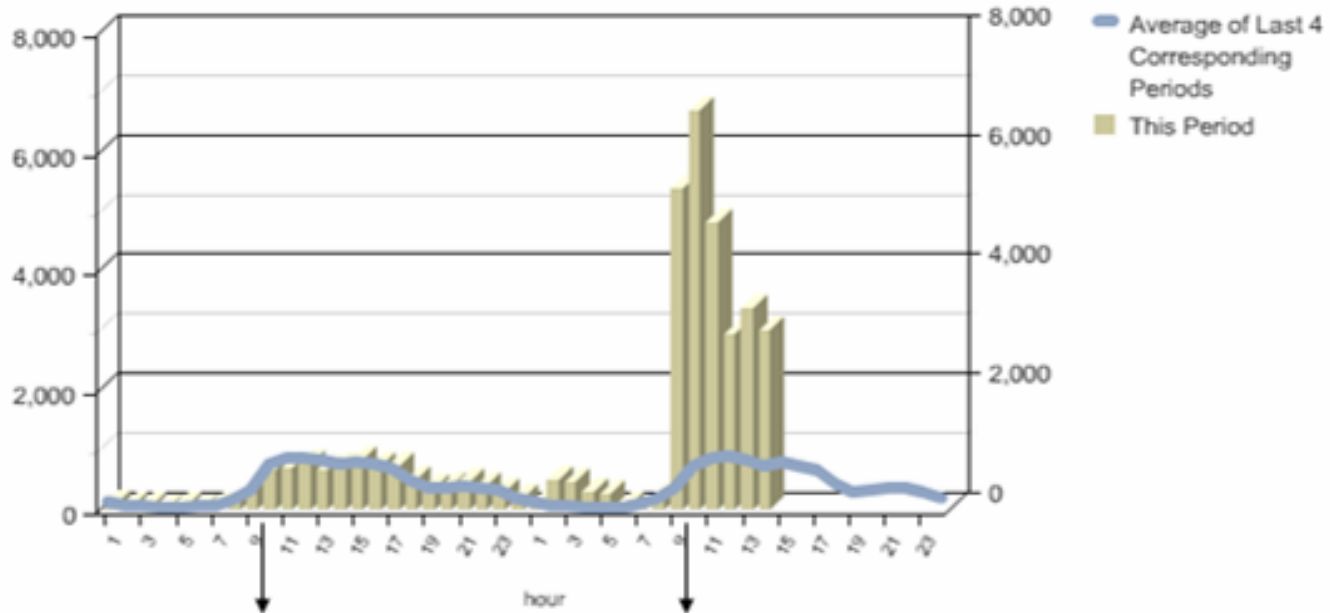
- Launched 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009
- Consultation with industry
- Exclusive media story: BBC, Guardian and Scotsman
- Target audience – domestic consumers
- [energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy)



# Media and Website

Unique visitors to Consumer channel Energy Saving Trust:

08/07 vs. 09/07



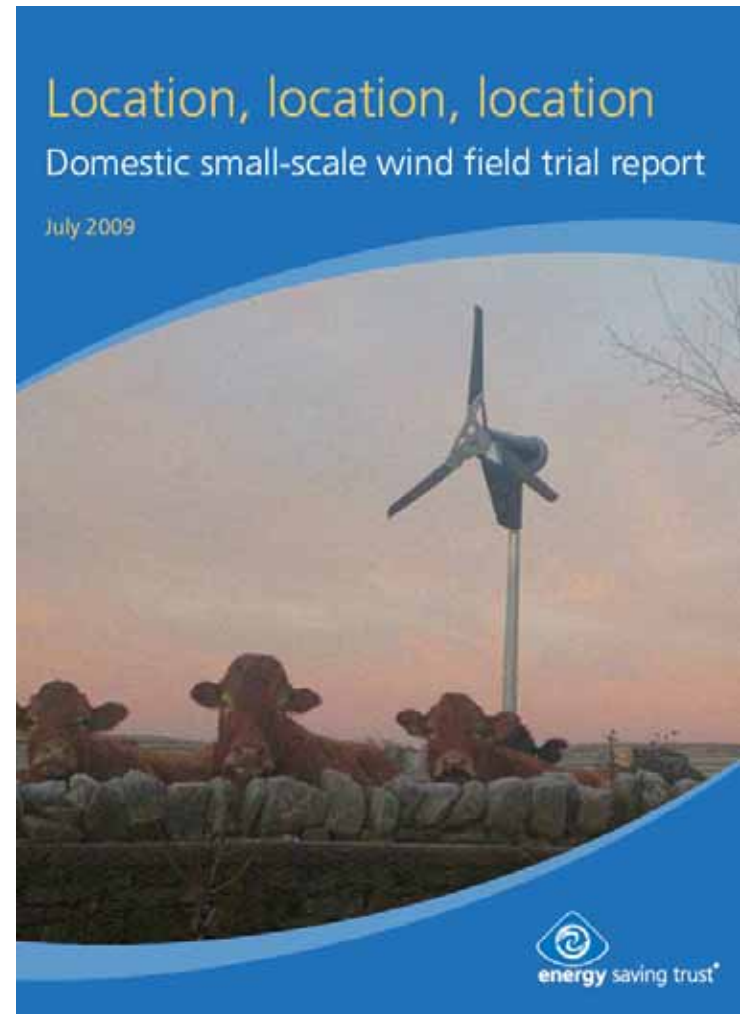
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Demonstrate the x10 uplift experienced on 9<sup>th</sup> July

# Report Conclusions

- Location, Location, Location
- Wind speed prediction is key
  - Anemometry desirable
- Standards needed - power curves / installation & product / MCS
- Good market potential in UK
  - Scotland particularly good
- 450,000 economic UK sites (pre feed-in tariffs)



# Customer Engagement

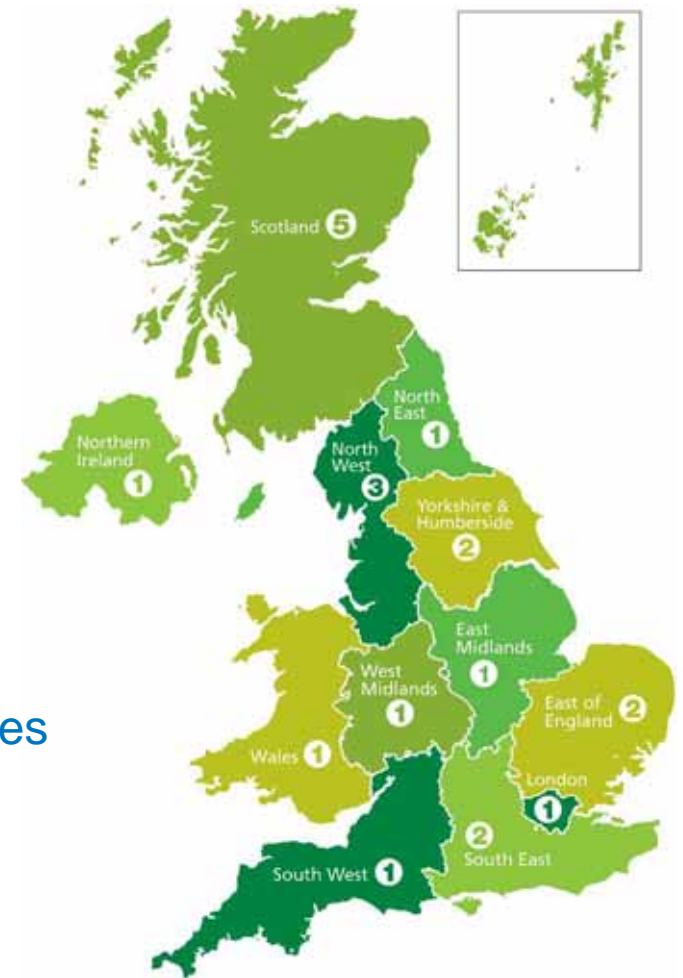
## Energy Saving Scotland advice centres &

## Energy Saving Trust advice centres

- 21 in total across UK
- 0800 512 012
- Micro renewables support and advice

## Website tools and information

- Home energy generation selector
- Wind speed predictor
- Clean Energy Cashback calculator
- Technology information incl. videos & case studies
- Planning information



# Certification and Policy

MCS

- Installer & product standards

Ofgem

Gov grants and loans

CERT

FIT



# Working With Industry

Wind speed / direction data

- Turbulence study
- Turbine design

Equipment loan

- Monitor new sites, new products

[energysavingtrust.org.uk /  
generate-your-own-energy](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk/generate-your-own-energy)

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